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## Welcome to the Excursionists

The Utah Pioneers who crept hand by hand across the American continent penetrating the desert wastes and blazing a trail by which their people might follow to the promised land of security and peace, made history which will endure to their glory while time shall last.

So too some of their children have flown beyond the bounds of civilization and made for themselves new homes, not because they were driven from their loved state the home of their fathers, but because in new lands homes could be made for the generations which will come after and so it came about that through the efforts of Hon. John W. Taylor, Mr. Jesse Knight and some associates purchased a tract of land some 350,000 acres in extent, built a modern and complete best sugar factory, and founded Raymond which though but six years of age, contains a population of about 1700 and ranks as the fifth largest town in the Province of Alberta. Despite the fact that we are supposed to dwell in a region of eternal snows where we are garbed in the latest cuts of bearskin clothes or untanned seal, where our only means of locomotion (aside from the railroad which penetrates this frozen zone and dumps us on this ice) are dogs, sledges and skates, we can show you more of the evidences of civilization and give you just as good pie as "bush-birds used to make." The eloquent real estate man says "there is but one crop of land and there will never be another" look about you and behold thus our greatest crop which is the cheapest of the cheap but is increasing so rapidly in value that the slow going methods of saving money from wages gaps at the rapidity with which wealth is acquired in the ownership of this excellent producing and valuable land.

There are instances not one, but many where purchasers have paid for their land and all the expense of planting and harvesting the crops and then had a profit of 50 per cent on investment out of the first crop of land produced. Better than forty bushels per acre of wheat is not extraordinary, oats to over one hundred bushels to the acre are raised on this land, our sugar beets contain a higher percentage of saccharine than the Utah beets, vegetables grow in quality and quantity unsurpassed anywhere, and you have but to turn your eyes to our trees and gardens to be convinced that time and industry will make our country a veritable paradise, where our children for generations may have homes of comfort surrounded with plenty. We have no liquor traffic and the presence of a Northwest Mounted Policeman among us immediately starts the query, as to the description of the prisoner who has escaped from some of the cities to the north of us.

The laws of the country are not only excellent but the very best and are enforced with a justice that makes no difference in social or financial status. In a word this is a blessed country which springing as it is into world wide prominence may be moulded by its people into what they please, for here is freedom and prosperity and one day upon the foundations now we lay will arise an empire that will eclipse all the glories of the past.

Come among us, stay and partake of the beauties the future has for the dwellers in the favored land of sunshine and fatness.

## Keillor - Laycock

A very pretty wedding took place in the Methodist parsonage, Qu Appelle, on Wednesday July 17. The contracting parties being Benjamin Keillor, the popular principal of the Raymond Public School, and Miss Annie Maud Laycock, eldest daughter of Rev. John Laycock, the officiating clergyman. The bride looked charming on her father's arm she took position under a delightful arch of roses to the sweet strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by her sister Miss Josephine.

The bride was becomingly attired in Point de Spirit over silk with the customary bridal veil held in place with a solitary diamond and flowers and carried a bouquet of maiden hair fern.

Miss Nellie her sister tastefully robed in white gaudy, with bouquet of pink carnations, sweet peas and fern acted as bridesmaid. Mr. J. R. Gayton of the Land Title Office Regina, looked after the interests of the groom.

The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful brooch of white whole pearl, to the bridesmaid and groomsmen each a pearl stick pin. The wedding gifts were numerous and costly.

After the ceremony a dainty wedding luncheon was served in the dining room profusely decorated with pansies. The table decorations were of carnations and ferns. The bride wore a suit of brown chiffon broadcloth.

The happy couple left by the Eastern bound evening train amidst showers of rice, and well wishes of many friends.

After their tour they will return and reside in Raymond.

## Priesthood Meeting

The regular monthly priesthood meeting was held on Saturday last at the meeting house and was replete with excellent instruction and timely advice. Representatives were present from Magrath, Stirling, and Wellsburg as well as a goodly number from Raymond.

The resignation of B. S. Young as Stake Superintendent of Sunday School was read and accepted. Pres. Allen stating that the High Council had acted formally on the resignation and Mr. Young's successor decided upon.

J. U. Allred was named and sustained to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Young's retirement. Some instructions by Pres. Jos. P. Smith were read covering the subjects of Church regulations and successions.

Remarks were made at the conclusion of the routine business and extended over a wide range of subjects. Particular stress was laid upon improved methods of farming the necessity of getting more first class farming blood into the community the value of our lands as compared with lands of the same price elsewhere, how necessary it is that we hold our possessions for our children and the perfect satisfaction men from the States expressed with their purchases of land in our country because of its being so superior as well as much cheaper than the land when they had come.

Mr. Ray Knight spoke briefly detailing the objects his father had in purchasing this land and the building of a sugar factory, which were that the community might be benefited.

Announcement was made that the quarterly conference would be held beginning two weeks from the date which would be Saturday and Sunday July 10th and 11th.

Apostles Heber J. Grant and Reed Smoot are expected to be in attendance. Adjournment was taken for one month.

## The 24th Celebration

As is the custom in most of the communities of the Latter Day Saints, July 24th is the anniversary of the day on which the Pioneers entered Salt Lake valley, was fittingly celebrated last week. The floats were pretty ingenious and illustrative.

King Bros as befits a dry goods was tasteful, even artistic, the after-candle being a mixed business, adopted a cannon as its symbol of excellence, parading a placard which announced its war on high prices and their complete destruction by the blowing up process.

Our citizens will doubtless appreciate the delicate humor of this philanthropist statement. There were cheerily gentlemen marching with rifles and pickaxe, depicting protection and advancement. Wagons were drawn by horses and cattle and one with rawhide lashed wheels that was drawn by a horse and a cow harnessed together.

The Sugar Co. and the Milling Co. were there with wagon loads of their product, and the local butcher firm attempted the pleasant fiction of grinding sausage from a live hog.

The Provinces were there in the persons of handsome gallants and sweet smiling beauties mounted on coveting steeds, which cavorted under pressure of various ingenious devices some of the riders being equipped with spurs, quirts and gags concealed in beribboned hands.

Queen Canada was there in the person of a woman, a Miss Heagle, attended by four little female attendants.

Queen Utah had the place of honor in the parade and the attention of the public, seated on a dais handsomely decorated with the national colors and attended by four winsome handmaids. Miss Nellie Evans carried the temporary title with becoming dignity.

But the "peice de resistance" of the parade was the float representing the Union Jack made up of 250 separate pieces of juvenile human life wearing clothes to mark the broad stripes of the ensign and robes that five or six tons of brightly robed rosy checked and laughing children was joy to behold and one always to remember.

The parade was headed by the band proudly arrayed in their uniforms of blue, blowing tinful marches and lively dance music.

The program of the meeting house was snappy and enjoyable. The Mayor's speech introducing Mr. King as chairman was replete with the great element of oratory. Mr. King's announcements after respective numbers were made in his known full sonorous and distinct tones, but with just a suggestion of the nasal quality.

The program by Mr. J. U. Allred was a heart effort and couched in excellent English. The two recitations one by Mrs. Alberta Jacobs and the other one by Mrs. George Parker were well done the latter carrying the humorous element was particularly good. The choir and band interspersed vocal and instrumental selections during the program which furnished due musical spice.

A car load of posts and a car load of building wood are being unloaded at lumber yard and buyers should be careful not to make any mistakes and get posts for building or vice versa being as they are so nearly same size. By careful search the posts will be found to be branded which kindling wood is not. Look for the brand and take no other.

## Field Notes.

A careful survey of crop conditions in and about Raymond reveals a very satisfactory state of affairs.

Harvesting will be generally commence next week, although there is some little cutting in progress now. Owing to a crowded work situation late fall many fields that would have been sown to winter wheat were ploughed late in the fall. This is a pity, but what we have will make heavy yield most of it will go close to 40 bushels per acre and better. Spring wheat naturally will not yield so heavily to the late season. The crop conditions, some small volunteer crops cut for feed will be from two to three tons to the acre. The beets are looking the best ever and growing vigorously, the silt heating of the past few days producing only the effect of rapid growth. Cattle are looking "swell" the swell coming from the succulent grasses which cover the prairies and hill side. The Sugar Co. will ship from 1500 to 2000 head this season and possibly more if prices are right.

Manager Green of the Ellison Milling Co. tossed off the information that last year Raymond produced about 200,000 bushels of first class wheat and among other things profit to our resident farmers may be mentioned the distribution of \$150,000 in cash for sugar beets. The Sugar Co. has a field of about 300 acres which was Summer fallowed late last year and has never had a seed sown upon it but which now has a stand of winter wheat that will go better than 30 bushels to the acre. Land prices have not been advanced here as they have been in other localities and people who want several strings to their bow should get a Raymond farm and take their choice of grain beets alfalfa or small fruits. Come to the Fair in September.

## Tenders for Fireguards.

Sealed tenders, endorsed "Tender for Fireguard" and addressed to the Minister of Public Works, Edmonton, Alberta will be received up to noon on Wednesday, July 31 1907, for ploughing the following fireguards, which in case of ploughing or backsetting should be ploughed to the full width of original guard, which is sixteen feet and of a sufficient depth to cut and cover all weed, grass, etc.

2675. Ploughing fireguard from north boundary of township 5 south to Milk River on the line between ranges 14 and 15, west of 4th Meridian. Approximate distance 24 miles.

2672. Ploughing fire guard from the south boundary of township 6, north on the line between ranges 14 and 15 to the Crow's Nest Pass railway, west of the 4th Meridian. Approximate distance 26 miles.

The successful tenderer will be required to complete the work not later than August 31st 1907. All tenders must be accompanied by an accepted cheque. Express or money order in favor of the Minister of Public Works, for 5 per cent of the tendered price, and in case of a small guard for not less than \$100 as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the tenderer to enter into contract and complete same.

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### Reform.

The great reform movements that are preparing to sweep the states all point one way and that one the betterment of conditions among the masses. President Roosevelt's arraignment of the great corporations and the making of them amenable to the powers they have hitherto held in contempt, have for their object the betterment of the masses.

Men of his type are popular. Justly popular because they are big enough to want to correct some of the evils which oppress humanity, and when such men arise the people flock to them because they are regarded as friends. Such men as he are leaders too because they couple with their ability and unselfishness which permits them to look their fellows as some thing else than mere objects of barter, a great human aggregation out of which it is their duty to squeeze as much profit as the aggregation will stand for. No man must think to be a leader in a community, or hold any place of respect in the hearts of the people who regards them only as a cold business proposition and merely as a source of profit. The proletariat is human and the man who would win their favor must treat them as human, rather than as mud to be washed for the particles of gold concealed among them. The time approaches when every leader will be a statesman who will be broad enough to hold the rights and happiness of

if others in some degree, as sacred as his own, and that time will mark an increase of permanent prosperity, for then the ability of the one will be united with the prodigious power of the other, and where brain and brawn pull together success is as certain as sunlight.

### Poor Farming.

One of the particular things that this part of the district needs is better farming.

Investors coming in are not only surprised at the lax way in which our lands have been cultivated but they are discouraged from buying by reason of it.

Instances are numerous where fields that have once been in a good state of cultivation are now permitted to grow up to weeds or return to sod, and casualties like this, for they are nothing less, discourage buyers having expressed that some other reason than the real one is responsible for the damaging condition.

It should be the business of every farmer to make his land as profitable as he can and the neglected condition of some of it not only makes that land comparatively worthless but lowers value in all the rest of the district. "Way" say men who look over the country with the intention of buying, should these lands if they are good be allowed to go back to sod if they will produce crops, and instances are many where this very neglect has kept intending purchasers from investing. So that not only does this slovenly condition deter purchasers but it so affects the value of the land that the owner cannot get for it anything like its true value. Farmers should learn intensive methods of cultivation and employ them, such methods for instance as Prof. Campbell taught when here and they would find themselves hundreds of dollars richer in crops as well as in the increased value of their holdings.

Learn to farm properly then do it properly and Southern Alberta will assume the place which is hers by right, one of the best wheat producing districts of the Dominion.

### A Profitable Mistake

Mr. T. W. Harris reports a circumstance which accidentally reveals a valuable fact.

His field to the north of town containing 160 acres he prepared last year for winter wheat and had left sufficient seed so that about one bushel to the acre could be sown, on going out to see how the work was progressing he found that 40 acres had been sown and but ten bushels of wheat used, his vexation was manifest in his face and the few remarks he made respecting the intelligence of various animals with long ears and a deafening bray, and he likened the youth who did the sowing to the sacred symbol of the Democratic party, but now that the grain is grown and almost ready to harvest that part of the field which was only sown with 15 lbs. of seed to the acre is the best part of the crops, and Mr. Harris like Balaam is acknowledging that the other is right.

Let all of our residents prepare for our coming fair and send in the best of their products even though we may fear some one else has superior exhibits.

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